

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 have been allowed. Claims 8-10, 15 and 20 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims 11-14 and 16-19 have been objected to. By this response, claims 8 and 15 have been canceled, and claims 9, 11-14 and 16-20 have been amended.

Claims 8-10, 15, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Munro (U.S. Patent No. 7,202,941). While the Applicant does not consider the subject matter of these claims to be disclosed by the Munro reference, the Applicant submits that this rejection is moot in view of the amendments made to the claims.

By this response and in accordance with the Examiner's indication to rewrite claims 11 and 16 in independent form, claims 11 and 16 have been so amended, and claims 9, 11-14, and 16-20 have been amended to adjust their dependence accordingly. To expedite allowance of these claims, the Applicant has canceled independent claims 8 and 15 and reserves the right to pursue them and other claims in a continuation application.

Therefore, for at least these reasons, the Applicant submits that claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16-20 should be in condition for allowance over the cited art of record.

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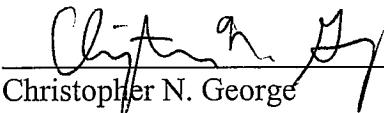
CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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